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On the 1st of June 1896, the
S. S. "Albatross" left New York
for San Francisco, California.
The ship was commanded by
Lieutenant J. W. Smith, U. S. N.,
and carried a complement of
100 men, including the crew,
passengers, and mail.
The ship was loaded with
mail for the Pacific coast,
and also carried a large
quantity of provisions and
other supplies for the
voyage.
The ship was expected to
arrive in San Francisco on
the 15th of June 1896.